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Junior Prom.

The Prom. of the class of 1908 was held Thursday evening in the Gym. and on all points it was declared an unqualified success. The night of St. Valentine was a very auspicious time for such an event and everyone took pains to enjoy themselves.

The Gym. itself never looked better. The class colors, black and red, had been very skilfully arranged by the decorators and made a fine background for the fraternity booths. On these much time and labor had evidently been consumed, for they were fine. The variety and harmony of the decorations made the picture very attractive. The floor was fine and the music was excellent. White, of Utica, furnished this, and his large orchestra played a program of dances which was all that could be desired. Owens, of Utica, served a dainty luncheon about one o'clock.

More enthusiasm seemed to appear in this than in former dances. The Junior class was well represented and all the other classes responded well. The number of girls present indicated no strong aversion to dancing in Lent.

The business end of the dance was well managed by chairman Pratt. Some eighty-five couples attended and at present a deficit approximating twenty dollars is anticipated. In view of past dances, this was very satisfactory.

The University of Michigan will receive over $800,000 annually from the state, provided a proposed bill passes the legislature.

A large and valuable collection of minerals has been given to Bucknell College.

Musical Clubs' Trip.

On Thursday, the 7th, the Glee and Instrumental Clubs left Clinton for the annual mid-term trip. They arrived at Watertown in the late afternoon and went directly to the Watertown High School, where the concert was to be held. The auditorium of the school was a revelation indeed. Seating a large number, still all the seats commanded a good view of the stage. The acoustics were especially good, a fact which helped the soloists in their parts greatly. Most of the clubs were invited out to dinner at various places —an entertainment much appreciated after college fare. At 8:15 the concert was given. Judging from the spontaneous and hearty applause accorded every number the concert was one of the most successful ever given by the Hamilton clubs. The Watertown *Standard* of Friday gave the following notice:

"A most delightful entertainment was given last evening in the High School auditorium by the Hamilton College Glee and Intrumental Clubs.

In fact it was the best entertainment ever given here by the clubs of that college, which have heretofore borne an enviable reputation. Vociferous applause greeted the completion of every number and time and again the audience called for an encore, some of the participants being called for nearly half a dozen times."

The Watertown *Times* of the same date also gave the clubs a good "bill of approval" as follows:

"One of the musical successes of the season was presented last night at the High School auditorium by the musical clubs representing Hamilton College of Clinton. Forty-two musicians took part in the evening's entertainment and, judging by the hearty reception they received, all are entitled to their share of the praise.

"Every selection was accorded a hearty encore and the male quartet composed of Messrs. Simmons, Hoyt, White and Hastings, made a decided hit with their singing of negro melodies. They were called back three times. The Instrumental Club showed careful training and was especially appreciated by the audience in "The Baby Parade." The college spirit was manifest in the singing of the glee club which gave several college songs as encores.

"From the expressions of the audience as they left the building, the concert as a whole was extremely good. The clubs were secured by the Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity of the High School. On a future visit they would be accorded a hearty welcome."

After the concert a short informal dance was held. Friday afternoon all but a faithful quintet left for Carthage. The quintet—arrant fussers—remained behind, to use the words of Mr. Caesar, "as a guard to the baggage" (that "Killy" Adams forgot).

More dinners and such at Carthage and then the Carthage concert in a rather small church. The marching stunt in "Mulligan's Musketeers" was finally pulled off to a hearty encore, altho the club had to be cut down for it to eighteen men. Here, too, both clubs made a pronounced hit. The Carthage letter to the Syracuse *Post-Standard* for Saturday said:

"The clubs were composed of thirty-eight college men and gave a concert of rare merit. These clubs are conceded to be the best ever sent out from Hamilton, and Carthage was indeed fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing them. It is hard to say

which club was the best. The concert was an innovation and every number was heartily applauded."

After the concert there were some informal receptions in which many of the men had plenty of fun. Again leaving a rear guard to pick up after "Killy" Adams the crowd moved on to Lowville for what many said was the best concert and the most fun of the trip.

Lowville has a fine new opera house with all the arrangements of the best of metropolitan theaters. The clubs were given a hearty welcome at the Lowville Club, and most of the men put in the afternoon at bowling. Among those who gave dinners was Easton, ex-1906, who entertained eight. The concert was successful in every way, everyone saying that a Lowville audience had not applauded so heartily in months. The piano was very high, which bothered everybody, especially the soloists. The quartet broke their record. After responding five times to encores the first half they came on again in the second with a local "hit" in which they scored again. Altho they had never seen the "Beaver River Line" before, they stumbled thru it somehow and not a little to their surprise got the heartiest encore of the evening. After the concert the clubs bunched up before the house of young Deane, for whom the concert was given as a benefit, and gave the Colgate Alma Mater, the Colgate long yell, the Hamilton long yell, and "Carissima." The Lowville Club gave them a dance, and altho tired the men entered into it with spirit and wound up the trip with a yell for the club at midnight.

On the entire trip it is something of which we may be proud, there was not a single mistake in rendition made that was noticeable to any not very familiar with the music. All the concerts were given with snap and dash. The trip has been of inestimable value in seasoning the men and smoothing out any flaws that there were at the start. Blodgett, '09, who is out for "ass-manager" took the trip and did good work.

The program given on the trip was as follows:

PART ONE.

1. Cat Serenade, Purdy & Barrows, '06 Glee Club.
2. The Battle of the Waves, John T. Hall Instrumental Club.
3. The Little Irish Girl, Teschemacher and Lohr Mr. Simmons and Mandolin Quintette.
4. The Melody of Love, H. Englemann, op. 600 Instrumental Club.
5. Negro Melodies, Messrs. Simmons, Hoyt, White, Hastings.
6. 1907 Tutti Frutti, arr. by Purdy, '06 Glee Club.

PART TWO.

7. The Baby Parade, Arthur Pryor Instrumental Club.
8. Mulligan's Musketeers, Atkinson & Wendell Glee Club.
9. Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, Mascagni Mandolin Solo, Mr. Trippe and Quartette.
10. The Indifferent Mariner, Bullard Mr. Sarles and Glee Club.
11. 1907 Campus Medley, arr. by Purdy, '06 Glee Club.

Those who were taken on the trip are as follows:

Manager—Junius D. Meeker, '07.

GLEE CLUB.

Leader—William B. Simmons, '08.

First Tenor—E. M. Massee, '07, J. S. Fitch, W. B. Simmons, '08, A. F. Osborne, H. G. Getman, '09, L. O. Coupe, M. F. Hastings, '10.

Second Tenor—H. Beck, E. J. Weekes, B. B. Roseboom, Jr., J. C. Cody, '08, F. H. Smyth, '09, W. H. Stone, 10.

First Bass—C. H. Allen, R. M. Scoon, E. W. W. Hoyt, '07, M. Rifenbark, '09, R. W. Titus, H. L. Sarles, '10.

Second Bass—A. C. Bagg, '07, H. O. White, H. Morgan, '08, J. M. Spencer, C. E. Leavenworth, '09, H. E. Dounce, '10.

INSTRUMENTAL CLUB.

Leader—Clarence M. Trippe, '07.

First Mandolin—C. M. Trippe, E. Massee, E. C. Hemenway, R. B. Jerome, '07, H. K. Holley, G. H. Allen, '08, B. Barber, '10.

Second Mandolin—J. S. Fitch, W. F. Jones, '08, C. E. Leavenworth, '09, W. H. Stone, '10.

Violin—A. L. Love, E. W. Hoyt, '07, F. E. Joralemon, '08, C. F. Brown, 10.

Guitar—J. M. Spencer, H. J. Getman, '09, L. E. Leavenworth, R. Renwick, '10.

Clarionet—A. C. Bagg, '07, C. M. Wilson, '09.

Flute—C. F. Clark, '08.

Cornet—W. D. Love, '09.

Traps—K. F. Adams, '08.

Piano—C. H. Allen, '07.

The Prom. Concert.

For the first time the annual Prom. concert was given this year in Commons Hall. It took place on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Owing to the larger number of men now in the musical clubs, it seemed expedient to have a more spacious platform than the chapel affords. The acoustic properties of Commons are very good and this in a large measure, helped the clubs to give a very satisfactory entertainment.

In spite of the fact that several of the Glee Club men were suffering from severe colds, both clubs performed with credit to themselves and their leaders. It was a source of much disappointment, however, that Simmons' solo, as well as the quartet, had to be omitted. A reading by Beck, '08, was substituted for the quartet number on the program. If anyone may be said to have made a "hit," it was unmistakably Cody, '08, in "Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie."

The programs themselves deserve especial mention. They were neat little folders decorated with a drawing of the interior of the chapel. Altho two or three good numbers were left out of the regular program, the concert was of sufficient length and seemed to leave a very good impression upon the hearers.

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THE WEEK OF FESTIVITIES has once more swept over College Hill. The fair ones from the outer world have come and gone. The haze of student days, whether it be golden or not, settles over us again. Just at present we are inclined to think it has a certain golden hue. But are we all here? In other words, is all of each of us here?

Junior Week has come to be as sure and regular as the month of February. And every time it comes the question arises, is it worth the candle? What is meant by the candle is somewhat uncertain. We wouldn't any more attempt a definition of that word than we would an answer to the whole question. We confess our incompetence at this point. But even if we don't answer this question, is it not worth a little careful consideration? Surely here is chance for some debate. We recommend that the Junior debating class take up the question.

LIFE DOESN'T TAKE THE heavy responsibility of seeing that the fellows do their work properly. This important duty rests in more competent hands, and we are glad that it does. But a sincere and interested member of the faculty has made the suggestion that LIFE might be able to render some fellow a real service by pointing out a few more or less obvious, but perhaps unappreciated, facts. In the first place, this term, which has been and still is a very busy one, is fast coming to a close. Busy in the midst of many activities which annually sweep over this Hill winter term, we are very likely to come to its close before realizing it. And when the term does end the musical clubs, carrying about fifty men, are to start on a trip which will be extended thruout most of the Easter vacation. Among the fellows who are to take this trip are several who ought to write prize orations and essays. To them, especially, we say, the term is going fast.

IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING and gratifying to the college to hear the good reports from the northern trip of the musical clubs. From all accounts they gave complete satisfaction in every concert. The numbers were all rendered smoothly and without mistake. The leaders are much to be congratulated on their success. What the trip has done in the way of advertisement of the right kind the personnel of the future entering classes can only tell. The enthusiastic audience in Watertown especially, was recruited largely from the high school class and no doubt many of the young fellows there, after having seen a glimpse of Hamilton life, will turn their inclination in our direction. It is to be regretted that the management lost some fifty dollars on the trip.

A TEAM CAN'T HAVE too much support from the sidelines. Many a defeat has been turned into a victory by means of cheering. We believe in standing back of our teams with all possible enthusiasm. But when that enthusiasm boils over and the men on the sidelines begin to jeer at the decisions of a visiting official, we say it is time to put on the soft pedal. Our teams expect courteous treatment when they are away. And as a general rule they get it. Other teams that come here to play us expect the same thing. We owe it to ourselves and Hamilton, as well as to our visitors, to be respectful and courteous. The enthusiasm for victory that we have is admirable as long as it is manifested in the proper way. And we all know the proper way.

Syracuse Wins.

Monday evening Hamilton lost to Syracuse in basket-ball by the score of 28-36. The game was fast from start to finish. The whistle blew at 8:15, and after two minutes of fast floor work and clever passing the first basket was thrown by Sherwin. He was quickly followed by Welch. It was at this stage of the game that Hamilton's five seemed to have things their own way. Their passing, blocking and team work was accurate and remarkably fast. It was ten minutes before our visitors succeeded in caging the ball.

It is hard to say where the greatest praise should go, for there was no individual work up to this point, but just machine-like team work. For Syracuse Capt. Powell did remarkably clever work, tho a great part of the Syracuse score was made up of fouls. During the first half time was taken out for Farrell. The half ended with the score 11-10 in favor of Syracuse.

The second half opened with a rush and Kuolt gave us the lead by a difficult one-handed throw. Syracuse returned with two finely thrown baskets. Here the enthusiasm of the sidelines reached high water mark, and several times Referee Redlien stopped the game until the noise subsided.

While we feel that the Syracuse official was not justified in demanding that the sidelines should keep quiet, still we must bewail the fact that sounds did rise from the Hamilton lines in criticism of decisions unfavorable to us. It seldom happens here that the fellows forget themselves as they did Monday night. It can not be denied that there was cause for dissatisfaction, but under no circumstances is kicking from the sidelines excusable. During the last half the speed of the

Syracuse team began to tell on our men, and in team work they took a decided brace.

The Syracuse team played a fast and skillful game, but won on fouls. The Hamilton team fought to a finish and lost the most unsatisfactory game seen on our floor this season.

The summary of the game:

Hamilton 28. Syracuse 36.

Left guard.	
C. H. Smith.	Powell, (Capt.)
Right guard.	
Moore.	Dollard.
Center.	
Sherwin.	Riehl.
Left forward.	
Welch.	Lee.
Right forward.	
Kuolt (Capt.)	Farrel.

Baskets—Powell 1, Dollard 1, Riehl 5, Farrel 5, Lee 2, Smith 2, Moore 1, Sherwin 6, Welch 1, Kuolt 3.

Fouls—Powell 8, Kuolt 2.

Referee—Redlien, Syracuse.

Umpire—Gordon, Hamilton.

Timekeeper—White, Hamilton.

Time of halves—20 minutes.

An Appreciation of Lincoln.

At a banquet of the Republicans of Oneida county, held in Utica Tuesday night, Dr. Stryker was one of the speakers.

"An Appreciation of Lincoln" was the thought to which the committee had asked President M. W. Stryker of Hamilton College to respond, and in the language of the scholar Dr. Stryker paid worthy tribute to President Lincoln. It was a tribute of appreciation of Lincoln as a man and the fine sentiments expressed were heartily cheered. Dr. Stryker said in part:

"The great Englishman, Froude, has said to us that history is but the record of individual action. All that is dramatic is personal. The study of of man makes the study of life. Example is the sum of all possible precept. In Lincoln personality lacks not one element of appeal. We still are hungry for every authentic scrap of information as to what he did and how he did it, so we may better understand what he was. He was indeed one of Plutarch's men. At his death Stanton said: 'Now he belongs to the ages.'

"In the sky of our hemisphere Lincoln stands serene and steadfast as the polar star, a light for us to stand by through all the weathers of change. Men are judged by their estimate of noble souls. There were some incapable of understanding him. We may well ask would we have appreciated him living? It is poor pedantry to garnish the sepulchers of the prophets and to be unwilling to meet the problems of our day as they did theirs.

"Merely to extol Lincoln is to confess we are not worthy to be his heirs. If we are his heirs, then we shall be able to recognize living mortal leadership in our own time and to follow it. Here was a mighty soul, always trying to strip away the secondary and incidental thing; to make the elemental manageable. A mystic, a dreamer, but no visionary, he foresaw; and foreseeing, he bent not before criticism nor calumny. He knew in what he had believed. Calumny and misrepresentation never led him to falter or pause. The pilot house was dark but a strong hand was on the wheel and a humble and praying heart was steering the great ship to port. He was always a student. His sinewy and limber mind held all that it got. It was as if all his convictions were put into him with screws and they never moved. To understand what the word 'demonstrate' meant, he undertook to master the six books of Euclid. He became a perfect genius at last in cross-examination, and the best all around lawyer in Illinois.

"And he had sand with his sense. How he learned to find the hinge and handle of things! Remember his summary of that blear-eyed Dred Scott decision! With all his intuitive and reasoning faculty there went a great mental independence. He was not one to count, but to weigh precedents. He was fair and frank, and ready to meet all opportunities. He was always ready to do the thing that was right. He did not know chicanery. He was uncouth as a mastodon, and when people saw him, rural and strange, they were disappointed; but as his words came, he grew great and the hearts and reasons of men came toward him. He always used his quaint propensities for a serious purpose. He laid the rock of his argument with the mortar of humor, and in it wit sparkled like mica in granite. He allied himself with the great mass of men, and put out his heart to gather in all the people. At Gettysburg he pronounced the greatest poem that ever was said in America, the immortal pean of democracy.

"With that immortal name we are not to conjure, but with it we are to foster and meet the men who represent the paltry interests of the few. With it we are to meet the pessimism of those whose acts would try to sever the indissoluble union of states which Lincoln cemented with his blood.

"Great immortal, we salute thee! Not at Bloomington, not at his two inaugurals, not with the pen that was to set millions free, not even at Gettysburg, but in the hospital holding a dying soldier's hand for his mother's sake. Without malice, hesitation or fear, and without reproach."

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College Notes.

—Someone remarked last week that Hamilton had become co-educational.

—The attendance at classes the latter part of this week has been rather slim.

—Hoffman, '05, Miller, '06, Barnes, ex-'02, Nellis, Heacock, and Ferris, '06, have been on the Hill this week.

—Rev. Oswald Bates, '95, spoke in the chapel last Sunday and also gave an address in Silliman Hall that afternoon.

—At the Republican dinner held in Utica on Tuesday evening in honor of Lincoln's birthday, Professor Davenport acted as toastmaster.

—Next Thursday the Glee and Instrumental Clubs go to Little Falls for a one night stand. The program given on the northern trip will be rendered.

—There seems to be an epidemic of a mild form of laryngitis afflicting the college. Some two dozen men have it and husky bass voices are the order of the day.

Pennsylvania recently received an anonymous gift of $100,000.

Sigma Phi Informal.

At Sigma Phi Hall an informal dance was held on Wednesday evening, with the following ladies as patronesses: Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Bristol, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Knox, of New York; Mrs. Oren Root, of Clinton; and Mrs. Goodwin, of Hartford, Ct. The guests included the Misses Day, Lamb, Hunter and Wynant, of Utica; Miss Clift, of Syracuse; Miss Knox, of New York; Miss Goodwin, of Hartford, Ct.; Miss Cauldwell, of Clinton; and the Misses Baldwin, Burrell, Suedecor and Williams, of Brooklyn. Owens catered and White furnished music.

The Alpha Delta Phi Reception.

The Hamilton Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi entertained in the Eells Memorial Hall Wednesday evening.

The patronesses were Mrs. H. C. G. Brandt, Mrs. Joseph Rudd and Mrs. Edward Fitch. The following have been guests of the fraternity during the week: Miss Baker, of Gloversville; Miss Pomeroy, of Utica, Miss Calder, of Oswego; Miss Yale, of Watertown; Miss Hutton and Miss Force, of New York; Miss Smith, of Binghamton; and Mr. Heacock, '06, of Ilion. Music for the dance was furnished by White, of Utica, and VanSlyke did the catering.

Psi U. Reception.

On Wednesday, the 13th, the Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon gave a formal dance. The patronesses were: Mrs. Barns, of Kirkland; Mrs. Jones, of Utica; Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Davenport, of Clinton. Among the other guests were: Mr. Barns, of Kirkland; Miss B. Schauff, of Albany; Miss E. Schauff, of Albany; Miss F. Wilson, of Vernon, Miss M. Wilson, of Rome; Miss Glover, of New York City, Miss Brown, of Utica; Miss Sloan, of Kirkland; Miss Clark, of Albion; Miss Harrison of Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Martha Williams, of Vassar College; Miss King, of Ilion; Miss Nellis, of Herkimer; Miss Roberts, of Albion; Miss Hinds, of Richfield Springs; Miss Head, of Utica; Miss Morgan, of Utica. Westel White furnished music and VanSlyke served refreshments.

E. L. S. Informal.

On Wednesday evening the Emerson Literary Society gave an informal dance. Those present were the Misses Smith, Philo and Russell, of Utica; Miss Tyler, of Albany; Miss Farnsworth, of Camden, and Miss Parkhurst. of Bath. Mrs. H. M. Love and Mrs. Pratt Smith, of Utica, acted as chaperones.

Basket-ball Schedule, 1906-07.

Some changes have been recently made in the basket-ball schedule, and the revised schedule follows:

Dec. 1.—Hamilton 60, Waterville Y. M. C. A. 9, at Clinton.
Dec. 8.—Hamilton 25, Utica Free Academy 20, at Clinton.
Jan. 12.—Hamilton 13, Rochester 26, at Rochester.
Jan. 18.—Hamilton 29, Union 22, at Clinton.
Jan. 23.—Hamilton 14, Syracuse 54, at Syracuse.
Jan. 26.—Hamilton 29, Rochester 23, at Clinton.
Feb. 7—Hamilton 31, Princeton 27, at Clinton.
Feb. 11—Hamilton 28, Syracuse 36, at Clinton.
Feb. 15.—Auburn Theological Seminary at Clinton
Feb. 22.—Colgate at Hamilton.
Feb. 25.—Williams at Williamstown.
Feb. 26.—Wesleyan at Middletown.
Feb. 27.—Brown at Providence.
Feb. 28.—Union at Schenectady.
Mar. 4.—Colgate at Clinton.

Among the Colleges.

Wellesley College now has an endowment of $953,000.

Williams College has unveiled a statue to Samuel J. Mills, of the class of 1810, who was the first Student Volunteer. It occupies a prominent place on the campus.

Syracuse will send its 'Varsity eight to Madison next spring to row Wisconsin.

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